Author's response to reviews

Title: Molecular typing of adenoviruses associated with respiratory infection in Egypt from 2003 to 2010

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Dear Mr. Egante:

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript for consideration for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases*. The article entitled “Molecular typing of adenovirus associated with respiratory infection in Egypt from 2003 to 2010” by Pola Demian, et al. has been modified per your requests.

We have included an ethics statement in the Materials and Methods, line 88-91: “The study was conducted under the approved protocol DOD#NAMRU3.2004.0023 (N3 169) by the US Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3 (NAMRU-3) Institutional Review Board in compliance with all applicable Federal regulations governing the protection of human subjects.”

We have addressed the concern about obtaining consent by adding a clarification sentence in the Materials and Methods, line 91-93: “Written informed consent was waived by the IRB and NAMRU-3 received clinical samples that contained no patient identifiers and the clinical data was not linked with a patient or study ID.”

This letter should and the accompanying modified manuscript should serve to address the concerns raised earlier. If there are any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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